

March 24, 2026

The regular meeting of the Ligonier Township Supervisors was held Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building with Chairman John Beaufort presiding.

Members Present: John Beaufort, Paul Knupp, Dan Resenic and Wade Stoner. Stephanie Verna was absent.

Others Present: Township Manager Michael Strelac, Solicitor Dan Hudock, Zoning / Code Enforcement Officer Rick Krouse, Public Works Foreman Lance Griffith, and Finance Officer Beverly Warfel.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – Agenda Items

There were no comments from the public.

COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERVISORS

Supervisor Stoner spoke positively about the Township's efforts to enforce our ordinance regarding run-down properties. He then commented on the irony of the Township owning such a property – the Ligonier Beach – and the policy of not spending any Township funds to clean it up and/or maintain it. He went on to say that it's time we take ownership and get it cleaned up. He also complimented the Public Works crew for their work on downed trees.

Supervisor Knupp presented a brochure regarding the “Accessible Housing Program” assistance available through Westmoreland County. He also referred to the issue with the COSTARS vendor's winter salt availability. He has discussed the issue with Senator Ward's staff.

Supervisor Resenic indicated that the road crew is out with the street sweeper removing anti-skid. He cautioned residents to continue to drive carefully until the sweeping is complete.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A **motion** was made by Supervisor Resenic and seconded by Supervisor Stoner to approve the minutes of the March 10th meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE –

- a) Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation Annual Report

REPORTS:

MANAGER REPORT – Mr. Strelac indicated that he is in receipt of a special events permit request from Ligonier Country Market for the Waterford VFD site. This will not move forward unless/until the zoning change is approved for the property by the Board. Mr. Strelac also reminded everyone that dumpster day was going to be April 25th, from 8 a.m. until noon.

SOLICITOR REPORT – Mr. Hudock expressed the fact that there is a code matter in litigation. He requested an executive session to update the supervisors and request guidance from the Board.

STAFF REPORTS –

ZONING / CODE ENFORCEMENT – Mr. Krouse summarized his February report and pointed out that it is spring and things are picking up. Mr. Krouse also indicated that many of the permits are related to residential property changes.

PUBLIC WORKS – Mr. Griffith indicated that he has now received all the road salt ordered. He also pointed out that the hydro blower build was a success. The road crew has started sweeping the anti-skid off the streets and when they are finished, they will start blowing leaves until it is time to mow.

FINANCE – Mrs. Warfel presented the financial summary for February and the new grant update report.

TREASURER REPORT – Township Manager Mr. Strelac presented the bill pay lists in the absence of Supervisor Verna.

- a) Approval of bill pay lists
 - General Fund: \$ 74,894.85
 - Liquid Fuels: \$ 11,935.44
 - Capital Reserve (Act 13): \$ 16,739.55

A motion was made by Supervisor Stoner and seconded by Supervisor Knupp to approve the payment of bills. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- a) Resolution 2026-R-01 – Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement – No action taken. Held over to next meeting.
- b) Ordinance 2026-OR-01 amending zoning code at solar – No action taken. Held over to next meeting. The next Planning Commission meeting is March 26.
- c) Resolution 2026-R-03 – Ligonier Valley Police Commission Code of Conduct – Chairman Beaufort reported that talks with the Borough have been going well and he expects to have something to present very soon. No action taken. Held over to next meeting.
- d) Resolution 2026-R-05 DCNR grant application Ligonier Trail – No action taken. Held over to next meeting.
- e) Fort Ligonier Days Detour – The meeting with Idlewild was held March 20th. The meeting with Fort Ligonier Days has not yet been scheduled. No Action taken. Held over to next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Ligonier Beach Master Site Development Plan – No action taken.
- b) Ligonier Beach Volunteer work – 4/10 & 4/11 with backup dates of 4/17 & 4/18

A motion was made by Supervisor Stoner and seconded by Supervisor Resenic to allow volunteer labor on the Ligonier Beach Property for the days requested. The Motion passed unanimously.

c) Sale of Equipment 2008 Ford F-550 and deckover trailer –

A motion was made by Supervisor Knupp and seconded by Supervisor Resenic to approve listing the 2008 Ford F-550 and the Champion deckover trailer on Municibid. The motion passed unanimously.

d) Resolution 2026-R-07 Public Videotaping of Meetings –

A motion was made by Supervisor Resenic and seconded by Supervisor Stoner to approve Resolution 2026-R-07 Public Videotaping of Meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

e) Resolution 2026-R-08 – Amending Surveillance Policy –

A motion was made by Supervisor Knupp and seconded by Supervisor Resenic to approve Resolution 2026-R-08 amending the Surveillance Policy to allow the police access to the building’s surveillance video. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Executive Session to discuss legal strategy related to the Cherokee Lane code violation litigation.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:05 p.m.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC -

Melissa Eller commented on the Ligonier Beach property.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERVISOR -

Supervisors Beaufort, Knupp, Stoner, and Resenic all commented on the Ligonier Beach property.

Supervisor Knupp stated he is obtaining a quote to update the sound system. Supervisor Beaufort has already obtained a quote.

MOTION TO ADJOURN -

A motion was made by Supervisor Resenic and seconded by Supervisor Knupp to adjourn the meeting. All the board was in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Warfel
Assistant Secretary/Finance Officer